

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held in its office in Jefferson City on the 9th day of June, 2021.

In the Matter of the Application of Socket)	
Telecom, LLC for Designation as an Eligible)	<u>File No. TA-2021-0224</u>
Telecommunications Carrier)	

**ORDER GRANTING STAFF MOTION TO
AUTHORIZE MISSOURI USF SUPPORT**

Issue Date: June 7, 2021

Effective Date: July 7, 2021

On May 25, 2021, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a Motion to Authorize MoUSF Support (Motion). In the Motion, Staff points out that the Commission granted Socket Telecom, LLC (Socket) authority to be designated as Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETC) on March 3, 2021. The order doing so, however, did not authorize Socket to receive Missouri Universal Service Fund (MoUSF) support. Staff now moves the Commission to authorize MoUSF support.

Under federal authority, the application is within the Commission’s jurisdiction to decide.¹ Since no law requires a hearing, this is a non-contested case.² Non-contested cases do not require formal proceedings or hearings before the Commission, and as such, there is no evidentiary record.³ Consequently, the Commission bases its decision on the verified filings.

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2).

² *In the Matter of Kansas City Power & Light Co.’s Request for Authority to Implement a General Rate Increase for Elec. Serv. v. Pub. Serv. Comm’n*, 509 S.W.3d 757, 783-784 (Mo. App. W.D. 2016).

³ *State ex rel. Pub. Counsel v. Pub. Serv. Comm’n*, 210 S.W.3d 344, 353-354 (Mo. App. W.D. 2006).

Based upon its review of the verified application and Staff's motion, the Commission finds that Socket has met the requirements to receive MoUSF support.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Socket is authorized to receive MoUSF low-income and disabled program support.
2. This order shall become effective on July 7, 2021.
3. This file shall be closed on July 8, 2021.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Rupp, Coleman, Holsman, and
Kolkmeier CC., concur.

Pridgin, Regulatory Law Judge